Mishicot High School
presents

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

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1987

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Produced by special arrangement with

DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE, INC.

New York, NY

CAST OF "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"

Abby Brewster.....Jackie Sheley
The Rev. Dr. Harper.....Brian Krajnik
Teddy Brewster.....Craig Graff
Officer Brophy.....Chris Harpt
Officer Klein.....Jesse Albers
Martha Brewster.....Jane Lea Johnson
Elaine Harper.....Linda Klein
Mortimer Brewster.....Bill Andrews
Mr. Gibbs.....Thoran Cribb
Jonathon Brewster.....Joe Thuermer
Dr. Einstein.....Ann Voelker
Officer O'Hara.....Thoran Cribb
Lieutenant Rooney.....Carol Lundstrom
Mr. Witherspoon.....Brian Krajnik

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The entire action of the play takes place in the living room of the Brewster home in Brooklyn. Time: the present.

ACT I

An afternoon in September.

ACT II

That same night.

ACT III

Scene 1: Later that night.
Scene 2: Early the next morning.

There will be a 5 minute intermission between each act.

CREW OF "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"

Sarah Denor	#Cheri Barr
*Chris Graff	#Dan Brown
Patrick Johnson	#Dan Lundstrom
Carol Lundstrom	#Kris Spaude
*Teresa Olesewski	#Joie Steffens
Darlene Ratajczak	#Jennifer Wieting
	#Marcy Winget

Student Director: Lisa Wieting

Director: Kathleen Mattern

#8th graders *seniors

We're very proud of our eighth grade crew members, working under the direction of older stage crew members in our "theatre trainee" program. We look forward to welcoming them as full-time Drama Club members in September. Special thanks, too, to our "dead body"!

Program typed by Darlene Ratajczak

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Parents-for all of your help, support, understanding, and transporting!

*JACKIE SHELEY appears tonight as Abby, but she is certainly no stranger to the MHS stage. Previous roles have ranged from singing (chorus in Bye Bye Birdie)(Mrs. Fezzwig in Mr. Scrooge) to young girls and women (My True Love Gave to Me)(The Closet)(Christmas Every Day) to little old ladies (Rose in Remember Dear) and we're sure you'll agree she does a fine job tonight as the eccentric and charming Abby Brewster.

BRIAN KRAJNIK is a newcomer to the MHS stage, appearing tonight as Reverend Dr. Harper and Mr. Witherspoon. His only previous role was as Johnny Casino in Grease, but we look forward to seeing more of him in future productions.

CRAIG GRAFF makes his first appearance on the stage tonight as Teddy Brewster. We're sure you'll agree with us when we say we hope to see him in many more roles.

CHRIS HARPT also makes his first appearance on stage tonight as Officer Brophy, but he is no stranger to backstage, working on crews for Grease and this year's Christmas plays.

JESSE ALBERS is another new face, appearing in his first role as Officer Klein, and we hope it's not his last role!

*JANE LEA JOHNSON stars tonight as Martha Brewster, the sister to Abby. Jane Lea's list of credits is long and varied; chorus member for Bells are Ringing, appearances in Christmas plays, most memorably as Mrs. Dilber in Mr. Scrooge, and various stage crew responsibilities. Jane Lea has also been an officer in Drama Club these past four years, and creates her role tonight as Martha based on four years of experience both on and backstage in Drama Club.

LINDA KLEIN is also an officer in Drama Club, specializing in backstage work. But tonight she's out under the lights instead of running them, appearing in her first acting role as Elaine.

Those of you who saw this fall's production of Grease will recognize BILL ANDREWS who appeared as Kenickie. He makes his second appearance on stage tonight as Mortimer Brewster.

THORAN CRIBB is another first timer, although he has worked backstage previously on Grease. He appears tonight as Mr. Gibbs, and Officer O'Hara.

JOE THUERMER debuted in Grease as a chorus member, was part of the cast of this year's Christmas plays, and tackles his first major role tonight as Jonathon.

ANN VOELKER is a two-year veteran of Drama Club, appearing in the chorus of Mr. Scrooge, in several different roles in last year's spring One Act plays, in this year's Christmas plays, and we're sure if you saw Grease you remember her as Jan. She stars tonight as Dr. Einstein.

CAROL LUNDSTROM's talents are varied. She has worked on stage crews, and has appeared on stage in spring plays last year, and this fall as Miss Lynch in Grease. Tonight she continues her double duty, appearing on stage as Lieutenant Rooney, and working backstage on lighting.

SENIORS ON CREW

LISA WIETING has survived many hours and many headaches getting Arsenic and Old Lace on stage tonight. Her previous three years as a Drama Club officer have helped her prepare for this, her last official duty. She has worked on crews for Bells Are Ringing, A Christmas Carol, Our Hearts Were Young and Gay, Bye Bye Birdie, and Mr. Scrooge. Her "typing fingers" have prepared programs for spring plays, Grease, Theatre Awards, and countless miscellaneous letters for Mrs. Mattern. We're sure you'll agree she has done an outstanding job with this play.

TERESA and CHRIS,CHRIS and TERESA! These two seniors will be sorely missed next year! The Graff/Olesewski approach to organizing a stage crew will be a tough one to replace. Their diagrams, assignments, and orders have helped backstage responsibilities run smoothly, not only for this play, but for Grease, last year's spring plays, and Mr. Scrooge. Christine began backstage as an 8th grader, working on stage crews for the Sound of Music and You Were Born on a Rotten Day. She also appeared as a chorus member in Bells Are Ringing, then went back to crew work on A Christmas Carol, Our Hearts Were Young and Gay, Bye Bye Birdie, several Christmas plays, and Mixed Nuts. By this time she managed to convince Teresa that it really was fun and the two of them became the stage right and stage left of the backstage bunch. This year they are in charge of all backstage work, and are serving as excellent role models for our 8th grade trainees. Our "little ones" will have big shoes to step into when Teresa and Chris are gone!